

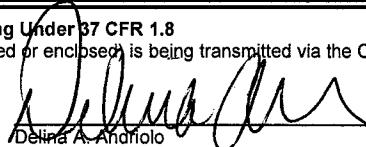
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.